of the term of the present County Treasurer unless a vacancy in said office occurs before the expiration of the present term, at which time all the provisions of this Act shall become effective, it being the intention of the General Assembly that the provisions of this Act shall apply to the successor to the present County Treasurer of Wicomico County.

Approved April 11, 1953.

CHAPTER 413

(Senate Bill 193)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", said section to be known as Section 627A, to follow immediately after Section 627 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Taxicabs", making it a criminal offense wilfully to refuse or neglect to pay the proper charge due for transportation in any taxicab or other common carrier and provide penalties therefor, and providing that this section should apply only in certain counties.

 ${\tt SECTION\,1.}\ Beit\,enacted\,\,by\,the\,General\,Assembly\,of\,Maryland,$ That a new section be added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments" said section to be known as Section 627A, to follow immediately after Section 627 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Taxicabs", and to read as follows:

TAXICABS

Any person who engages and accepts transportation in public taxicab or other vehicle operated as a common carrier, under any conditions whereby the charge therefore is not paid in advance, and who wilfully refuses to pay the proper charges at the conclusion of such transportation, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more

EXPLANATION: Italics indicate new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law. CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.